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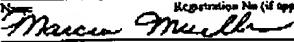
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Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Application No. : 09/773,241  
 Applicant(s) : John C. Molander et al.  
 Filed : January 31, 2001  
 Title : Absorbent Article with Tension-Dividing Side Panels  
 TC/A.U. : 3761  
 Examiner : Michele M. Kidwell  
 Conf. No. : 6142  
 Docket No. : 8409  
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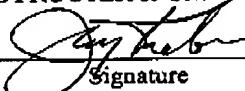
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**AMENDMENT AFTER 1<sup>ST</sup> OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111(c)**  
**AND A PETITION FOR A TWO MONTH EXTENSION 37 CFR § 1.136(a)**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action of August 23, 2004, please amend the above identified application as follows, consider the following remarks and reconsider the application. Attached hereto is a Petition for a two-Month Extension of Time, and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), providing for a timely response up to and including January 23, 2005.

*Amendments to the Claims* begin on page 2 of this paper.

*Remarks* begin on page 6 of this paper.

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